

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are active in the present application. Claim 3 has been amended to remove multiple dependency. New Claim 4 is supported by original Claims 2 and 3. The Specification has been amended to correct for clerical and typographical errors. No new matter is believed to have been added. An action on the merits and allowance of claims is solicited.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 26, through page 8, line 8, with the following:

--The softener composition of the present invention is preferably in the form of an aqueous solution comprising at least the component (a) and the component (b) [(c) or the component (b)] and the component (c) or (d), diluted in water. The water used is preferably distilled water or deionized water. It is desirable for storage stability that water is incorporated in an amount of 40 to 90% by weight, more preferably 50 to 85% by weight and particularly preferably 60 to 85% by weight into the composition.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 10, with the following:

--Ingredients such as silicone being ordinarily incorporated into a fiber-treating agent, a perfume (particularly preferably a combination of aroma components shown as the components (c) and (d) described in JP-A 8-[11387] 113871) and a coloring matter may be incorporated into the softener composition of the present invention.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 12, line 10, beginning at (a - 5), with the following paragraph:

--(a - 5) Di(oleoyl [hydr]oxyethyl) dimethyl ammonium methyl sulfate.--

--3. (Amended) The softener composition according to claim 1 [or 2], which further comprises 0.1 to 5% by weight of (f) a C₈₋₂₂ fatty acid or a salt thereof.

Claim 4 (New).--

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